

## **NEWS**

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## Public Encouraged to Submit Challenge Cost Share Applications For Nez Perce National Historic Trail Projects

**OROFINO, ID** – The public is encouraged to propose projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor's experience along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The submitted projects will be considered for the 2012 project year funding. Project funding was made available through funds designated to administer the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Completed applications must be post marked by November 30, 2011.

The purpose of the Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) is to increase participation by qualified partners in the preservation and improvement of federally managed natural, cultural, and recreational resources; in all authorized programs and activities; and on national trails. The Forest Service and partners should work together on CCSP projects with mutually beneficial and shared outcomes.

The CCSP is a matching fund program. An equal amount of eligible and matching share (minimum 50%) of cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources is required. Currently, the maximum CCSP award is \$30,000. Projects selected should generally be able to be completed within one year.

Project application forms and instructions for completing the application are available at the Nez Perce National Historic Trail website at <a href="www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/partners">www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/partners</a> or from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administrator, located at the Clearwater National Forest Supervisors Office in Orofino, Idaho.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their forms electronically. E-mail applications to Sandi McFarland at <a href="mailto:npnht@fs.fed.us">npnht@fs.fed.us</a>. Proposals may also be mailed to: NPNHT Administrator, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho 83544.

For additional information applicants may also contact Sandi McFarland, Trial Administrator at (208) 476-8334.

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